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SUBJECT: OPIC INVESTMENT INSURANCE: INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ELECTRIC CORP.

REF: OPIC MEMORANDUM ON REGISTRATION NO. 263-77-250

- 1. EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PROPOSED INVESTMENT, FOR WHICH POLITICAL RISK INVESTMENT INSURANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.
- 2. ON FACT OF IT, A PROJECT TO ESTABLISH FACILITY FOR PROVIDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES WOULD APPEAR TO FIT IN WELL WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S INCREASING EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING USEFUL OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AMONG POPULATION. THERE MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE SOME QUESTION RASIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT PROJECT INVOLVES THE ORGANIZED EXPORT OF LABOR, ONCE TRAINED, TO OTHER COUNTREIS, RATHER THAN MAKING USE OF IT LOCALLY (ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTION TRADE SKILLS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE AN AREA OF GREAT SENSITIVITY IN THIS REAGRD). EGYPTIAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COULD BE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM WORKER REMITTANCES.
- 3. HOWEVER, AID CAIRO, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT POSSIBLE FINANCING OF PROJECT, UNDERSTANDS THAT QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT REPORTED ATTEMPT BY ONE OF THE EGYPTIAN PARTIES INVOLVED IN PROJECT TO USE HIS OFFICIAL POSITION TO PROMOTE THE SCHEME. THERE ARE INDICATIONS ALSO THAT THE PROJECT MAY NOT BE WELL CONCEIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNICALLY.

4. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY RECOMMEND AGAINST ISSUANCE OF INSURANCE, BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT PROJECT IF AND WHEN FORMAL APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS FILED. INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ELECTRIC CORP. IS AFFILIATE OF ITT. LOCAL ITT REP. INDICATES FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROJECT IS STILL UNDER REVIEW IN U.S.

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